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From: sport43@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, Jun 7, 2003 1:30 PM
Subject: Please Act to Stop Media Monopolies

Senator John McCain
U S Senate
241 Russell Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator McCain,

I urge you to tell the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) not to weaken the rules that help preserve competition and diversity among the owners of America's newspapers and radio and TV stations

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The FCC is expected to vote on whether to change the rules on June 2. The public comments submitted to the FCC by individuals have been opposed to media consolidation overwhelmingly. Americans understand that the public interest is not being served by deregulation that reduces competition.

Please tell the FCC to reinstate its traditional media ownership rules for the sake of competition and democracy.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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From: mcquiddy@earthlink.net
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 23, 2003 1:11 PM
Subject: HISTORY WILL SHOW

Dear Ms. Abernathy,

As a writer specializing in history, I spend a fair amount of my time reading about people. I read about their decisions, their actions, and their motivations. I also read about how those people are remembered, in light of the consequences of their decisions and actions.

I'm sure you have heard from many people about the important decision you will be making on June 2, concerning the duty of the FCC to regulate media ownership. I urge you to consider not only the short-term consequences of your decision, but also the long-term results. That is to say, history. Because history will show who acted in the public interest, and who chose a more self-serving course.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Steve McQuiddy
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From: corley.paul@att.net
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 23, 2003 1:27 PM
Subject: broadcast rules

The Honorable Commissioners & Chairman,

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio and television news and information in communities across the nation. And many of the corporations that are now lobbying for the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Sincerely,

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From: debrab@rolandus.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 23, 2003 2 12 PM
Subject: You already know

By now, you already know why I am writing this e-mail. I want as diverse a media as possible. I am asking you to do the right thing. This may be a profit issue for corporations, but its not a democratic solution. It is not sound business and it is not free market capitalism either

If you pass this initiative, there will come a time when you will regret it. I work in the music industry, and if you look at RCIA, you see the battles they are involved in now, all as a result of their efforts to control the means of distribution. The masses will find a way around you and your regulations. And it will find a way that you will not like, and will spend fortunes trying to control. Once again, this is not sound business practice

I'm asking you to think further than that and know that consolidation of the outlets is not the answer and will not benefit humanity. It is simply not the right thing to do. Will you value money or will you do what's right?

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From: AjKelly7@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 23, 2003 2:25 PM
Subject: URGENT regarding the FCC vote on June 2, 2003

federal communications commission
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dear fcc

it has come to my attention that there will be a very important vote regarding media ownership restrictions. i have thoughts on this that i hope you will consider when making your choice on june 2, 2003.

unfortunately, many americans don't question the news we read and hear. moreover, we are not participating in the democratic process as i'm sure you're aware, this leaves us with a powerful one sided lobbying effort

as far as my personal lobbying effort goes with regard to media, you should know that i belong to no group i am not a member of any political party i'm not affiliated with any organization i do not have ties with any university i work for no corporation nor do i belong to any particular religion.

i am just an american citizen, i am just one voice but i am sure that my voice is echoed by many that you can't hear, like lonely trees falling in the forest i can assure you, they're making a sound it's just not being reported anywhere.

why should you vote against removing the media ownership restrictions? first, it's important to note that this upcoming vote has not been widely publicized. i would have to go out of my way to tap into alternative media sources to find out that this is taking place it's not being widely reported, not because it isn't an important issue that no one cares about, but because the very people who are planning to take advantage of the removal of media ownership restrictions are also the ones who bring us our mainstream news (this, in and of itself, should provide compelling evidence for what the responsible choice would be in the matter)

second, it is clear that lifting the restrictions can lead to a media monopoly. why is a media monopoly a bad idea?

let's say i can't afford alternative media, like the internet, or cable television let's say i only have the radio, a newspaper, and a few network television stations to get all my news, music, and movies (or maybe i do have access to alternatives, but i just don't know better to seek them out) let's say all those radio stations, newspapers, and television stations are owned by the same company

this leaves me with a very narrow window with which to view the world

through this narrow window comes what? what kind of world will i see? what kind of thoughts will impregnate my unconscious mind? what impressions will be left? and what kind of choices will i have?

this all depends on who is in charge of the programming

sure, we all have a mind of our own. we can critically analyze what we take in with our five senses but do we? and how can the thoughts, images, and sounds that we're saturated with in the media affect our collective unconscious?

while we all can ultimately choose our own mental programming (much work in psychology is aimed toward empowering people to do this), please don't underestimate the power of media to "program" the human mind, without an invitation, and perhaps without the mind even realizing it after studying

academic and applied psychology for 18 years, i can assure you that the sights and sounds we are bombarded with are very powerful. if you don't believe me, see the film, "wag the dog" ... study how hitler used the media. look at any social psychology text. or ask anyone in advertising. (if they're honest, they'll tell you)

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when people are afraid, we will make bargians. we will support wars we will allow our government to keep secrets. we will allow our civil liberties to be violated we will allow our freedoms to be usurped

will the media program us with fear? isn't it already? (see michael moore's film "bowling for columbine" for a beautifully crafted subjective case on the this)

should you choose to lift these restrictions, will the monstrous monopoly that emerges be one that seeks truth and justice? will it be invested in war? or will it promote love, peace, and unity? whom will it's bedfellows be? will it have a mindset like fox, or more like hbo? what kind of sights and sounds will saturate our psyches?

will those of us who can't afford luxury media be left with no choices?

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From: Timeholmes@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Fri, May 23, 2003 6:58 PM
Subject: Please preserve variety of ownership

Dear Commissioner Abernathy

We are writing to urge you not to allow any further consolidation of media ownership in this country.

Freedom of the press, one of our basic cherished American freedoms, is already threatened by too few voices. In the last several years the number of owners of most media outlets has shrunk from 30 to 10. If the breadth of ownership grows any narrower, we fear for a true "informed populace" outside the corporate interests of the media owners. We have seen the dangers of limited press ownership in other nations.

Please help protect our right to a free and unbiased press by doing all you can to widen not narrow the variety and scope of press ownership in the U. S.

Sincerely,

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From: Troonie2ns@aol.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, kjmwebb@fcc.gov, jabelste@fcc.gov
Date: Fri, May 23, 2003 7:32 PM
Subject: Media Deregulation

Esteemed Commissioners,

I'm writing out of concern for our democracy. I agree with Thomas Jefferson, that without a well-educated populace, democracy is impossible. How can we achieve a "well educated" populace, when the media is controlled by just a few corporate giants with their own finances foremost in their agenda? We must have laws that limit ownership of the media, so that we can get a variety of diverse points of view. Corporations, by their nature, don't have democracy, and education as their primary motive, hence the need for protection. This is already a huge problem, and deregulation will only make it worse. Thank you for your time and consideration of this extremely important issue,

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From: kronheim@comcast.net
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, Jun 8, 2003 9:02 PM
Subject: Oppose media deregulation and demand public hearings

Dear FCC Commissioners and Chairman Powell,

cc my members of Congress

I urge you to vote to protect the public interest by dropping the FCC's plans to end critical safeguards designed to ensure diversity of media ownership and to delay the unnecessarily rushed vote on media ownership scheduled for June 2nd

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From: art.yeske@frostbit.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sun, Jun 8, 2003 9:21 PM
Subject: Please Act to Stop Media Monopolies

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From: smc320@msn.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, Jun 8, 2003 9:24 PM
Subject: Please oppose media deregulation and demand public hearings

Dear Chairman Powell,

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